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A Bill

SENATE BILL 293

By: Senate Efficiency

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT FOR THE ARKANSAS SENATE
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2019-2020 FISCAL
YEAR.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby
established for the Arkansas Senate for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the
following maximum number of regular employees.

		Maximum Annual
		Salary Rate
Item	No. of	Fiscal Year
No.	Title	Employees
		2019-2020
(1)	DIRECTOR OF THE SENATE/SEC OF SENATE	1 GRADE SE04
(2)	CHIEF COUNSEL	1 GRADE SE03
(3)	DEPUTY DIRECTOR/ASST SEC OF SENATE	1 GRADE SE02
(4)	PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER	1 GRADE SE01
(5)	ASSISTANT TO THE PRO TEMPORE	1 GRADE GS13
(6)	FISCAL OFFICER	1 GRADE GS12
(7)	CONSTITUENT SERVICES MANAGER	1 GRADE GS12



1	(8)	CONSTITUENT ADVISOR	2	GRADE GS11
2	(9)	ASSISTANT INFORMATION OFFICER	1	GRADE GS10
3	(10)	PRODUCTION ASSISTANT	1	GRADE GS10
4	(11)	LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST	1	GRADE GS10
5	(12)	ADMIN ASST/RECEPTIONIST	2	GRADE GS10
6	(13)	PROPERTIES OFFICER	<u>1</u>	GRADE GS09
7		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	15	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby authorized, for the Arkansas Senate for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: two (2) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate classification.

SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STAFF SERVICES. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central Services Fund, for personal services and operating expenses of the Arkansas Senate - Staff Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$1,963,896
(02) EXTRA HELP	25,000
(03) PERSONAL SERV MATCHING	549,891
(04) MAINT. & GEN OPERATION	<u>175,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$2,713,787</u></u>

SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - ORIENTATION. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for expenses of the State Orientation including the payment of per diem and mileage of members of the Arkansas Senate who attend the Senate Orientation program held prior to the convening of a Legislative Session of the General Assembly, the sum of.....\$15,000.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS
FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable
from the Constitutional Officers Fund, for the balance remaining on June 30,
2019 in the appropriations, Section 3 of Act 1 of 2018, Sections 4 and 5 of
Act 2 of 2018 and SB1 as introduced in the 2019 Regular Session there to be
used for any purpose to defray the necessary expenses of the Arkansas Senate
of the Ninety-Second General Assembly, in a sum in the aggregate not to
exceed \$3,500,000..

SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - REAPPROPRIATION - STATE CENTRAL SERVICES
FUND. There is hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable
from the State Central Services Fund, and payable from the balance remaining
on June 30, 2019 in the appropriations, Sections 3, 6, 7 and 8 of Act 2 of
2018 there to be used for any purpose to defray the necessary expenses of the
Arkansas Senate of the Ninety-Second General Assembly, in a sum in the
aggregate not to exceed \$3,500,000.

SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - COMPUTERIZATION. There is hereby
appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State Central
Services Fund, for expenses necessary in continuing the computerization of
the legislative process in the Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS. There is
hereby appropriated, to the Arkansas Senate, to be payable from the State
Central Services Fund, for construction, improvements, renovations and
equipping of the Arkansas Senate facilities and other purposes of the
Arkansas Senate, the sum of.....\$700,000.

SECTION 9. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.
TRANSFERS. If the Senate Efficiency Committee and the Secretary of the
Senate, subject to the approval of the Arkansas Senate, should determine that
any item or portion thereof appropriated herein for a specific purpose is not
needed for such purpose, the Secretary of the Senate may certify such fact to
the State Auditor and the State Auditor shall cause a transfer to be made

1 from one item to another.

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3 SECTION 10. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
4 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. SALARIES.
5 In order that exceptionally well-qualified personnel may be recruited and
6 retained, the Senate may exceed the maximum salary levels by no more than
7 twenty percent (20%) for no more than one-third (1/3) of the positions
8 authorized in their operation appropriation act, and may exceed the maximum
9 salary levels for the purpose of merit adjustments for all positions.
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11 SECTION 11. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds
12 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency
13 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and
14 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
15 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
16 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
17 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
18 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
19 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.
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21 SECTION 12. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General
22 Assembly that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations
23 contained in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for
24 which this act was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive
25 Recommendations and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget
26 manuals prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or
27 summarized oral testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative
28 Council or Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.
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30 SECTION 13. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
31 General Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits
32 the appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
33 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2019 is essential to the operation of
34 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
35 the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the
36 effective date of this Act beyond July 1, 2019 could work irreparable harm

1 upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental
2 programs. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act
3 being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health
4 and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2019.